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1. EMBASSY IS DELIGHTED CONGRESSMAN ROBERT W DANIEL, JR WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT REYKJAVIK WEDNESDAY APRIL 2 DURING HIS BRIEF PERIOD IN ICELAND. WE WOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR CONGRESSMAN'S CONSIDERATION:

0900 - 0950 BREAKFAST BRIEFING AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

1000 - 1030 PRIVATE TOUR OF ALTHING BUILDING ESCORTED BY FRIDJON SIGURDSSON, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ALTHING. ALTHING WILL STILL BE ON EASTER RECESS DURING WEEK OF VISIT AND MOST MEMBERS OF ALTHING AND MOST CABINET MEMBERS AND POLITICAL LEADERS WILL BE ABSENT FROM REYKJAVIK DURING PERIOD. HOWEVER, SHOULD PRESIDENT OF ALTHING ASGEIR BJARNASON RETURN TO REYKJAVIK EARLY, VISIT WILL INCLUDE CALL ON HIM.

1040 - 1110 CALL ON MFA ACTING SECGEN HORDUR HELGASON, WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDES NATO AFFAIRS. FONMIN AND SECGEN WILL BE IN MOSCOW DURING PERIOD OF CONGRESSMAN DANIEL'S VISIT HERE, AND MFA DEFENSE NEGOTIATOR HANS ANDERSEN IS IN GENEVA AT LOS CONFERENCE.

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1120 - NOON CALL ON PRIME MINISTER IF IN REYKJAVIK, OTHER-

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WISE ONE AND POSSIBLY TWO OTHER ICELANDIC OFFICIALS.

1215 - 1415 BUFFET LUNCHEON AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH APPROXIMATELY DOZEN MEMBERS OF VARDBERG SOCIETY WHO WILL BE TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON AND NORFOLK END OF APRIL. VARDBERG IS THE YOUNG ADULT CHAPTER OF ICELAND'S ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF INFLUENTIAL AND CIVIC LEADERS FROM INDEPENDENCE, PROGRESSIVE AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES. (FYI THIS EVENT WAS SCHEDULED PRIOR TO KNOWLEDGE OF CONGRESSMAN'S VISIT. WE FEEL CONGRESSMAN'S PARTICIPATION WILL ENHANCE EVENT AS WELL AS BE INFORMATIVE FOR HIM.)

1500 - 1600 AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE COFFEE MEETING WITH AMERICAN MEMBERS OF EMBASSY/USIS AND SPOUSES TO MEET CONGRESSMAN. EMBASSY HAS INITIATED PROGRAM OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PROMINENT VISITORS FROM USA TO LEARN OF "GOINGS ON IN AMERICA." WE WOULD BE HONORED IF CONGRESSMAN WOULD AGREE TO TALK TO US IN AN INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE ABOUT ANY SUBJECT OF HIS CHOOSING. ALL WOULD BE PLEASED TO HEAR ABOUT ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE CONGRESS OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL. AT THIS SMALL EMBASSY MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE WILL BE ABOUT 16-18 PERSONS.

1600 DEPART REYKJAVIK FOR KEFLAVIK

2. ALL OF THE ABOVE PROGRAM, WITH EXCEPTION OF LUNCHEON, CAN BE CHANGED TO ACCOMMODATE CONGRESSMAN'S WISHES.

3. REAR ADMIRAL RICH AND CAPTAIN HOPPER WILL ATTEND ALL EVENTS.
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